



Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

- Despite a significant increase in demand, stocks rose last week due to higher production and import levels. Total motor gasoline stocks were up 1.1 million barrels to end the week at 193.9 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline fell 2.0 million barrels to 38.4 million barrels as stocks of other finished (conventional) gasoline rose 3.4 million barrels to 107.2 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 47.8 million barrels, 0.3 million barrels below the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 12.6 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. The East Coast (PADD I) and Midwest (PADD II) were 5.1 million barrels and 3.9 million barrels below last year's respective levels for the week. On a percentage basis, the Rocky Mountain region (PADD IV) shows a significant stock decrease when compared to year ago data at about 19 percent lower. Imports of total gasoline averaged 678 thousand barrels per day of which 168 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 194 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	03/30/01	04/06/01	04/13/01	04/20/01	04/21/00	03/30/01	04/06/01	04/13/01	04/20/01	04/21/00
East Coast (PADD I)	948	1,047	1,025	1,120	1,182	558	680	685	649	719
Midwest (PADD II)	1,871	1,857	1,929	1,881	1,904	283	255	250	264	264
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,446	3,453	3,721	3,781	3,499	688	643	688	660	750
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	255	253	258	240	241	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,435	1,546	1,544	1523	1,365	991	1,148	1,141	1,119	901
U.S. Total	7,955	8,156	8,477	8,545	8,192	2,520	2,726	2,764	2,695	2634

Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	03/30/01	04/06/01	04/13/01	04/20/01	04/21/00	03/30/01	04/06/01	04/13/01	04/20/01	04/21/00
East Coast (PADD I)	52.6	51.4	51.9	52.8	57.9	17.1	16.8	19.2	17.7	20.3
Midwest (PADD II)	46.0	47.1	45.0	46.4	50.3	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.2	1.2
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	58.4	59.2	59.4	59.1	60.6	7.8	9.3	8.7	9.1	9.1
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	6.5	6.1	6.0	5.8	7.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	29.6	30.0	30.5	29.9	30.4	9.2	9.7	10.9	10.4	11.9
U.S. Total	193.0	193.9	192.8	193.9	206.5	35.9	37.6	40.4	38.4	42.5

PRICES

- Gasoline spot price movements were mixed over the past week, with many markets posting solid increases, but others falling back after recent sharp gains. Problems at a number of domestic and foreign refineries prompted increased concerns over the industry's ability to build stocks adequately ahead of the driving season. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline eased by 1.62 cents to 96.31 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price rose 8.50 cents to 134.00 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline climbed for the fourth straight week, rising by 4.8 cents to 161.9 cents per gallon as of April 23, 2001. The average was 18.2 cents higher than a year ago, and the highest since July 3, 2000. Prices continued to rise for all regions and formulations, led by a sharp gain for reformulated gasoline in the Midwest.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	04/02/01	04/09/01	04/16/01	04/23/01	04/24/00	04/02/01	04/09/01	04/16/01	04/23/01	04/24/00
New York	81.57	92.80	97.93	96.31	76.20	90.45	100.25	105.20	107.23	82.41
Chicago	84.58	98.80	105.81	110.43	74.54	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	84.50	99.30	102.93	106.81	75.66	91.38	109.30	112.30	107.68	82.29
Los Angeles	107.50	107.50	95.50	100.50	84.00	128.00	138.50	125.50	134.00	87.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	04/02/01	04/09/01	04/16/01	04/23/01	04/24/00	04/02/01	04/09/01	04/16/01	04/23/01	04/24/00
East Coast (PADD I)	136.3	143.6	^R 151.8	154.9	138.4	143.3	147.2	153.4	158.5	149.3
Midwest (PADD II)	143.6	150.4	^R 158.0	164.8	136.5	149.5	160.6	^R 163.6	179.0	146.8
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	134.3	140.3	^R 151.9	153.0	138.5	139.2	144.9	155.8	158.8	141.2
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	144.8	147.8	150.3	153.2	151.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	153.6	153.9	154.2	154.6	161.9	170.8	174.6	179.0	182.0	169.1
U.S. Average	140.7	146.9	^R 154.6	158.8	139.8	151.8	157.5	^R 163.1	169.6	153.2

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